(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sale of Bharat Aluminium company Limited (BALCO)'s Rolled Products for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as under:

Year	Sale (In tonnes)
1993-94	24281
1994-95	36919
1995-96	28790

Gender Bias in the New Disability Act

2484. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Disability Act is gender biased, not addressed to the specific issues related to disabled women;

(b) whether the new Act has extended job reservation for the disabled to all categories of jobs in Government sector and the representation of disabled women in these jobs falls far short of that of disabled men; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No, Sir. The provisions of the Act are equally applicable to both the disabled men and women. Specific issues related to disabled women may very well be taken care of within the existing provisions.

(b) and (c) No. Sir Sections 32 and 33 of the 'Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995' inter-alia provide that appropriate Government shall identify posts in establishments at the periodical intervals and appoint not less than 3% persons with disabilities in the identified posts. The Act makes no discrimination between disabled men and disabled women in the matter of reservation of jobs.

Sugar and Kerosene supplied in the urban and rural area under PDS

2485. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar and kerosene being supplied to each ration card holder in the urban and rural areas separately under the Public Distribution System.

(b) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of sugar and kerosene are being supplied to the urban areas in comparison to the rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The allocation of levy sugar to State Governments/UT Administrations with effect from 1.1.1996 is made on uniform norm of ensuring 425 grams per capita per month as per 1991 census.

In the case of kerosene, Central Government make only bulk allocation to States/UTs. Its retail distribution in different areas within the State is the responsibility of the State Government.

Central Government does not make any distinction between rural and urban population in this respect.

State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised by Central Government to take immediate measures to remove the urban bias wherever it. exists in distribution of kerosene.